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For: Insulating Nitride Layer and Process
for Its Forming, and Semiconductor
Device and Process for Its Production

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TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated April 5, 2002. Please reconsider the application in view of the amendment and remarks presented below.

ELECTION OF CLAIMS

In the Office Action, the Examiner requested an election of claims pursuant to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 between Group I claims 6-12 and 20-27 and Group II claims 1-5 and 13-19.

In response, the applicants hereby elect examination of Group II Claims 1-5 and 13-19 which are drawn to a layer and a device with that layer, classified in class 257, subclass 194.

REMARKS

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee, if necessary, to Account No. 19-3140 regarding this response. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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